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QUALITY OF IMPORTED GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken various steps ensuring that products imported should be of a good quality conforming to some particular standard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such steps have been implemented completely;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) : Imports into India in addition to being subject to the provisions of export and import policy are also subject to all domestic laws, rules, orders, technical specifications, environmental and safety norms as applicable to domestically produced goods. In addition, import of 133 specified products is also subject to adherence to the mandatory BIS quality standards as applicable on domestically produced similar products. These products include various food preservatives and additives, milk powder, infant milk food, certain kinds of cement, household and similar electrical appliances, gas cylinders and multipurpose dry batteries. Import of all types of food products is subject to the quality and other standards laid down in Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, 1954. Import of all primary agricultural products is subject to an import permit to be issued as per the conditions of Plants, Fruits and Seeds (regulation of import into India) Order, 1989 and import of animal products including meat, egg, milk etc. is subject to an import permit as per conditions of Live Stock Importation Act, 1898.All these conditions are applicable on the relevant imports. The necessary notifications are already in force and are being applied at the time of customs clearance of such imports.